

conference and gave valuable suggestions to improve implementation of the family welfare programme. These suggestions are being actively pursued for implementation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Closure Plan of HFC Units

1396. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Pressure mounts to shelve HFC units' closure plan" appearing in 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th July, 2000; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS):

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) While a decision has already been taken by the Government to close off the Haldia Fertilizer Project which could never be commissioned, the revamp of the Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) has also been approved. Comprehensive rehabilitation proposal based on unitwise techno-economic viability for the remaining units of HFC is to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government and thereafter, for final sanction of BIFR.

Fertilizer Policy review Committee

1397. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High-Powered fertilizer policy review committee has submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, whether these have been scrutinised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, with Government's action thereon and to what extent they have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The High Powered Fertilizers Pricing Policy Review Committee